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Oldest Business Institution In Wise County



The Second Annual Wise County Youth Fair really surprised everyone, including The Messenger, which usually brags some on what coming events will be.

The event this year found the entry list bursting at the seams. This year the young ladies were given an opportunity to show their skills, and they stole the show.

The beauty contest attracted a capacity crowd, with some hanging from the windows.

Attendance was such the ladies of the Home Demonstration Clubs sold out their entire stock of eats before noon.

Rowboat Manire contributed 800 boxes of milk, which didn't last 15 minutes.

The show was so large, so many entries in so many divisions, it was impossible to keep up with the many events happening at the same time in different divisions in different locations.

Suffice to say the increase in all departments over last year was so great it fooled everyone, even the sponsors of the event.

And looking to the future, if next year shows another increase, what's to be done? Time to start looking for help somewhere.

● We're sorry we did not receive the engraving of the picture of the Queen of the Youth Fair in time for publication this week. We used a picture made by Charles Gettys during the noon hour show at the college.

● The engraving for the First National Bank ad was late last week too. Several bus schedules have been dropped through Decatur, which makes quick deliveries from Fort Worth quite a bit later than heretofore.

● Most local people have received their Easter seals, which See EIGHTER, page 5, col. 4.

LIONS PROGRAM BRINGS ON FISHING FEVER

Our program last week stirred up quite a bit of enthusiasm among the folks with fishing fever, an occupational disease with no known cure that infects almost everyone this time of year. A talk and demonstration of fish and fishing techniques was given by a Marine Biologist with the Texas Wildlife Dept. The Din reporter was not able to understand the gentleman's name when he was introduced, so the Program Committee Chairman was consulted for this information. Lion Wren reported that the man's name was Mr. Lamb, adding that he was reasonably sure about the Mister but not at all sure about the Lamb. Anyway, the feller seemed to know more about the fishes than the fishes do themselves, and he is undeniably an artist in the use of fly rods and casting rods, including the new spinning reels that are becoming so popular. Everybody seemed to enjoy the show and our thanks should go to Lions Wren and Woodard for the arrangements. Special thanks should also be given to C. E. Holt, local man with the Texas Fish and Game Commission, for his help with the program as well as wit a number of programs in the past.

Ray Forman is the newest member of the Lions Club, being elected to membership last week.

Mrs. Cody Milligan is Club Sweetheart for a few weeks until Miss Bess Coleman's hand heals. Miss Bess hurt her hand in a fall recently, but is back at work at Renfro's—From "The Din."

FIRE ALARM

The fire department was called to a trash fire Wednesday morning in the south part of town, but no damage was reported and the fire was quickly extinguished.

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MISS VIRGINIA FORTENBERRY OF SLIDELL CROWNED QUEEN OF WISE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

The Standing Room Only sign of spectators packed the auditorium at the Decatur Baptist College Friday to see Virginia Fortenberry of Slidell crowned Queen of the second annual Wise County Youth Fair. Princesses from schools in Wise County, Springtown, and Northwest were chosen to represent their schools in a tribute to youth planned by the Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

In a formal garden setting arranged on the stage the nineteen lovely princesses were presented to the overflow crowd. The young ladies entered to the accompaniment of music played by Mrs. Gordon Roberts at the piano and paused between large white columns to be introduced by Mrs. Earl W. Nunneley, mistress of ceremonies. Taking their places on the stage, the princesses remained throughout the program in view of the audience and judges.

Giving a "command performance" for the princesses were two young ladies from the Decatur High School with their accompanist and director, Mrs. O. L. James. Miss Nancy Duncan sang "Some Day My Prince Will Come" and Linda Harper sang "Let My Song Fill Your Heart" to the delight of both the princesses and audiences.

Mr. A. L. Duncan, president of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, presided at the coronation. The Queen was Virginia Fortenberry, 18 year old brown-eyed blonde, who was princess of the Future Homemakers of America chapter at Slidell. Wearing a soft blue evening gown, Miss Fortenberry was crowned with a beautiful tiara of hyacinth blossoms especially created for the occasion. Queen Virginia acknowledged the excited applause of the audience and was presented a gold charm bracelet with an engraved medallion reading QUEEN, 1954 YOUTH FAIR. Miss Fortenberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fortenberry, is a senior at Slidell High School. Television cameramen from Fort Worth filmed sequences of the program to appear on WBAP-TV this week.

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Mrs. A. G. Thornton from Mr. Allen, Mrs. Kent Manning and daughters, Sarah and Mary from Porta La Cruz, Venezuela. Mrs. Perry Wells from Fort Worth, Mrs. James Keith from Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Moore Jr., and family from Dallas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Patton over the week end.



HOLDING HANDS in this picture are Tiny Thompson on top and Wilton Mabry in the wrestling event at the Fight Night affair here last week. Mabry and Thompson put on quite a show for the crowd. The streak across the bottom of the picture is the top rope of the arena. (Staff photo)

Judges for the contest came from other counties and were not acquainted with the young ladies personally.

Princesses appearing and their schools were: Shirley Anderson, Chico; Myra Lee Barnes, Alvord; Bobbie Jean Binion, Alvord; Shirley Clark, Greenwood; Virginia Fortenberry, Slidell; Joy Green, Bridgeport; Carolyn Hopkins, Bridgeport; Sherry Jackson, Decatur; Gail Lee, Paradise; Gladys Powell, Northwest; Melba Rawle, Decatur; Anna Richey, Chico; Thelma Nell Springfield, Springtown.

Margaret Tackel, Paradise; Winnie Thomas, Newark; Paula White, Boyd; Martha Whitlington, Rhome; Gloria Jean Wilson, Boyd; Karen Fortenberry, Slidell. Director of the coronation was Mrs. Earl W. Nunneley and committee members from the Woman's Club and executed the arrangements were:

Mrs. W. A. Hughes, Mrs. J. H. Valek, Mrs. Marvin Stone, Stage Setting; Mrs. James Renshaw, Mrs. Ray Rhine, Mrs. F. R. Woodard, Judges; Mrs. Paul Lambert, Mrs. Charlie Rann, Music; Mrs. M. L. Cude, Crown; Mrs. Ted Schroeder, Mrs. W. O. Dittich, Queen's Gift; Mrs. Clint Wiley, Rehearsal.

C OF C BANQUET HELD THURSDAY AT LIONS HALL

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet was held last Thursday night at the Lions Club with President A. L. Duncan in charge.

The delicious meal was thoroughly enjoyed by the seventy-odd present following the invocation by Rev. M. O. Smith, Methodist Pastor.

Several conflicting dates dropped the attendance as many members had previous commitments.

President Duncan outlined the activities of the organization during the past year, what the organization has accomplished for Decatur and what it hopes to do in the future. There was no cut of town speaker for the occasion, all who appeared on the program were Decaturites.

O. Ray Brown spoke briefly of the Youth Fair held last Friday, one of the projects of the C.C.

Officers of the organization were introduced.

A group of high school girls of Mrs. James' music and vocal departments, gave a short program of piano and vocal numbers, and one reading, following which the banquet was concluded.

Winners of Youth Fair Events Are Announced

The Second Annual Wise County Youth Fair has just been successfully completed.

Greatly responsible for the success of this fair is the fine cooperation received from all the instructors and leaders of youths as well as others who gave of their time and talents. I would like to take this means of thanking each and everyone who helped in any way, especially exhibitors, instructors, and leaders, and those in attendance.

O. Ray Brown, Chairman Agricultural Committee
Decatur Chamber of Commerce

The Wise County Youth Fair was opened by a welcome address by Dean Tom Gettys in behalf of Decatur Baptist College. Mr. A. L. Duncan, President of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce welcomed the youths of the county and Miss Sue Underwood, Slidell FFA, and Arvill Newby, Area V FFA President, responded.

The fair was designed to let rural youths show off what they can do. More than 900 entries of Future Farmers, Future Homemakers, and 4-H club boys and girls took part in the events.

The largest number of entries was in the future homemakers' and 4-H club girls' department, which was shown in the college gymnasium. These articles that were on exhibit made by these young ladies showed that they had received excellent training and had prepared their exhibits in a very attractive manner. There was great interest in this department as the gymnasium was filled with spectators at all times.

Miss Virginia Fortenberry, Slidell FFA, was crowned Queen of the Second Annual Youth Fair. She was selected from a list of 19 contestants.

Representatives from WBAP-TV were present to make films of the show to be shown on Channel 5, April 3, 1954, at 12:30 p.m.

The Dairy Judging contest was won by the team from Northwest No. 1 FFA chapter. The Livestock Judging contest was won by the team from Northwest No. 1 FFA chapter. The Poultry Judging contest was won by Paradise FFA chapter.

The Grand Champion Steer was shown by Hubert Long, Slidell FFA. The Grand Champion Female in the Beef Division was shown by James Davis, Slidell FFA. Windell Harnes, Springtown FFA, showed the Grand Champion Female. Champion Gilt was shown by Philip Haynes, Paradise FFA. Jimmy Jackson, Springtown FFA, showed the Champion Sow. Rusty Brown, Alvord FFA, showed the Champion Fat Barrow. The Champion Ewe was shown by Robert and Rodney Mote, Slidell FFA Showmanship of the Fair was awarded to Arvill

First Year: 1st, Sue Hoyl, Decatur; 2nd, Barbara Ferguson, Decatur; 3rd, Annette Layne, Springtown; 4th, Loyce Holt, Paradise.
Second Year: 1st, Peggy Tankersley, Northwest; 2nd, Mary Ann Garner, Northwest; 3rd, Elizabeth Seely, Northwest; 4th, Harce Spann, Decatur.
Third Year: 1st, Nancy Johnson, Decatur; 2nd, Bobby Stevenson, Decatur; 3rd, Cora Lou Martin, Springtown; 4th, Patsy Foster, Northwest.
4-H—DRESSES:
1st, Dian Enis, Greenwood; 2nd, Gloria Jean Wilson, Boyd; 3rd, Margaret Howell, Chico; 4th, Claudine Robinson, Decatur; 5th, Sherry Yale, Alvord.
4-H—SKIRTS:
1st, Peggy Kirby, Paradise; 2nd, Molly Howard, Greenwood; 3rd, Ina White; 4th, Janice Willis; 5th, Mable Ruth Thompson, Boyd.
4-H—BLOUSES:
1st, Joyce Evans, Chico; 2nd, Mae Maxwell, Greenwood; 3rd, Doris Stubbelfield, Slidell; 4th, Edwanda McCurdy, Northwest; 5th, Marilyn Pedigo, Paradise.

SHOW SURPASSES EXPECTATIONS OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEEMEN

Newby, Springtown FFA.

This was the second year the Decatur Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the Youth Fair.

This project was originated by O. Ray Brown, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, Decatur Chamber of Commerce, who wanted an event that would give the adults a chance to see what the youths are doing and, at the same time, encourage the youths to do a better job.

The following is a list of the placings of the various divisions:

4-H—SUNSUITS:

4th, Carolyn Green, Boyd.
4-H—APRONS:
1st, Laura and Mary Schleigh (Twins), Slidell; 2nd, Sara Bell Gilliland, Paradise; 3rd, Linda Fairbetter, Boyd; 4th, Sue Conaougher, Decatur; 5th, Wanda Johnston, Bridgeport.

FHA—LEATHER:

First Year: 1st, Linda Kelly, Bridgeport (Purse); 2nd, Alaine Caze, Alvord (Purse); 3rd, Helen Bowden, Alvord (Purse); 4th, Fanny Thomas, Alvord (Purse).

FHA—LEATHER:

Second Year: 1st, June Whitaker, Alvord (Belt); 2nd, Martha Cooper, Bridgeport (Purse); 3rd, Wanda Waldrop, Decatur (Belt); 4th, Kerry McDaniel, Decatur (Belt).

FHA—LEATHER:

Third Year: 1st, June Hucklebee, Chico (Purse); 2nd, Nancy Johnston, Decatur (Billfold); 3rd, Bonnie Schleuter, Northwest (Belt & Purse); 4th, Jean Yale, Alvord (Purse).

4-H—LEATHER:

1st, Pat Nikirk, Alvord; 2nd, Anna Richey, Chico; 3rd, Peggy Western, Chico; 4th, Anna Richey, Chico; 5th, Anna Richey, Chico.

FHA—NEEDLECRAFT:

1st, Jean Pennington, Northwest; 2nd, Jeanette Williams, Northwest; 3rd, Joyce Lemme, Paradise; 4th, Wilma Jo Sisk, Alvord.

4-H—NEEDLECRAFT:

1st, Lois Marie Davis, 2nd, Sue Ann Bridges; 3rd, Carey Jean Roland; 4th, Alma McDaniel; 5th, Paula Haase.

FHA—MOCCASINS:

1st, Roberta Crawford, Paradise.

FHA—METAL CRAFT:

1st, Nancy Johnston, Decatur; 2nd, Myra Adams, Springtown; 3rd, Barbara Stewart, Springtown; 4th, June Hucklebee, Chico.

4-H—METAL CRAFT:

1st, Evelyn Flusche, Decatur; 2nd, Loveta Brancham, Boyd; 3rd, Patsy Owensby, Paradise.

FHA—CAKES:

First Year: 1st, Ann Ren-

See WINNERS on page 5, col. 2

SCHOOL ELECTION SATURDAY

An election will be held Saturday by the Decatur Independent School District to elect two trustees for two year terms.

Two names will appear on the ballot for election, Nolen Sewell, who is now a member of the board, and J. Z. Spain in the place vacated by Ralph Dodson, who did not ask reelection. These two will be elected to fill the two vacancies.

The election will be held in the county court room during the usual hours, and will be conducted by Messrs. Roy W. Wain, M. P. Loveless, and J. Z. Alexander.

CITY ELECTION TUESDAY

The City election will be held Tuesday in the county court room during the usual hours, with Messrs. M. P. Loveless, Geo. Elder and Leslie Horner, City Secretary C. A. Nichols, be formed as yesterday.

On the ballot will be the names of Syl Hardwick for Mayor.

Dr. W. T. Inabnett is unopposed for reelection.

Joe Durbin and Lory D. White's names appear on the ballot for Alderman from Ward 2. Durbin is now a member of the council.

Fred Thomason is unopposed in Ward 3.

All qualified voters are urged to cast a ballot.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAYS "THANK YOU!"

The Decatur Chamber of Commerce extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to every individual and organization who contributed in any manner to the success of the Wise County Youth Fair last Thursday. Especially do we wish to thank the following:

Mr. O. Ray Brown and Henry Kirk the General Superintendents for a splendid job of handling the many details necessary for the success of the show and coordinating the work of the judges and others.

Our thanks to the vocational teachers of the county for a job well done and to the other teachers who assisted the young people in participating in the show.

Also to the various judges who gave liberally of their time and talents to make the many difficult decisions.

And to the officials of Decatur Baptist College for permitting the use of the athletic field and facilities as well as the college gym and auditorium and assisting in other ways to contribute to the success of the fair.

To the members of the Decatur Ladies Club for assisting in every way and especially in putting on the program of crowning the queen of the fair. To Mr. Luker for the splendid job of advertising and publicizing the fair and also Mr. Paul Tapp, our county agent for his assistance in giving the fair county wide publicity.

And of course to the parents of the Future Homemakers Future Farmers, and 4-H Club members for assisting the youth with their entries and furnishing transportation for the entries and the various other ways in which they cooperated and contributed to the outstanding success of the fair.

To one and all, our thanks for a job well done.

SLIDELL SENIORS PRESENT PLAY AT SCHOOL FRIDAY

The Slidell Senior Class presents "Keep Your Fingers Crossed" at the school auditorium tomorrow (Friday) night April 2, at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

Cast of Characters:

Rollo Pettijon, an unsuccessful young book-keeper

Ray Hesteande

Valerie Pettijohn, his ambitious and adoring bride

Virginia Fortenberry Bella Johnson, the Pettijohn's maid

Frances Burchard Mrs. Phyllis Wellington, a widow

Hazel Shaw Artemus P. Thorson, Rollo's stinky employer—James Coffrey Tessa Thorson, Artemus' snobbish wife

Joye Hargrove Milo Downs, an old friend of Rollo's

James Winder Claudia Parks, a lawyer

Sue Underwood Delores Mendez, a beautiful Spanish girl

Virginia Maxwell Jose Garcia, who arrives unexpectedly

Rodney Covington

TRACK TEAM TO FT. WORTH FOR COWTOWN RELAYS

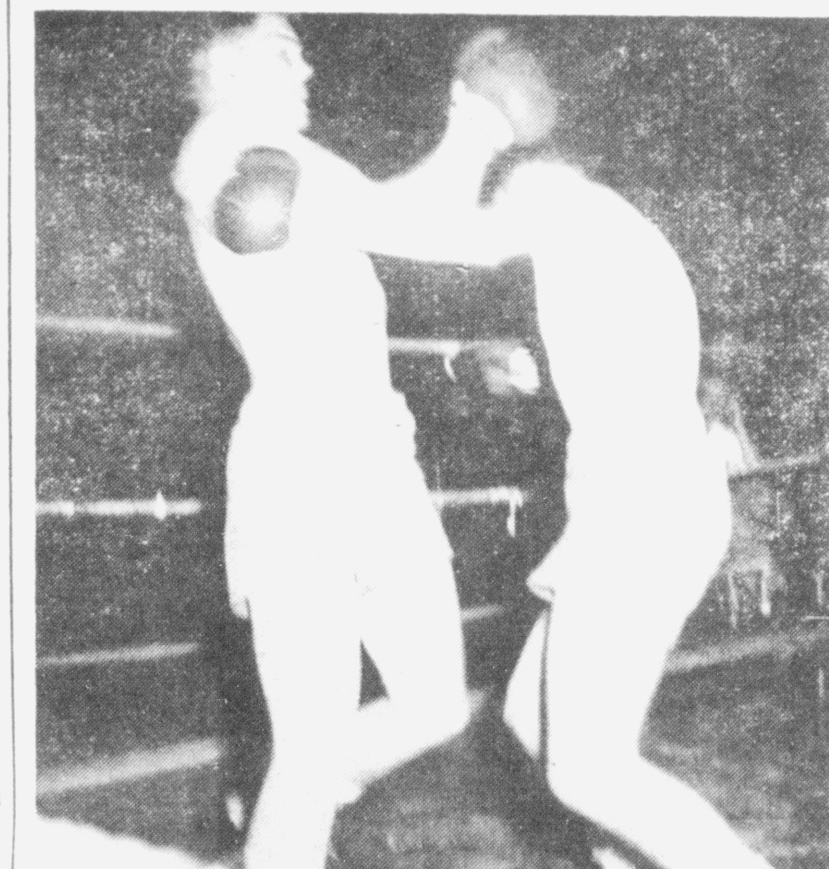
The Decatur track team will compete in the annual Cowtown Relays at Fort Worth on Friday and Saturday. The team will leave Decatur at 8:00 a.m. Friday and will arrive in Fort Worth at 10:00 a.m. Friday.

The Cowtown Relays will be divided into two groups, with the teams participating in AA football and down in one group and the AAA and AAAA teams in another group. Most of the school in our district will enter the Ft. Worth meet. The Eagles chances of setting many points in the meet are hindered considerably by many of the boys having to attend another meeting in Arlington on the same day.

A list of the entries for the district meet will be announced next week.

The Messenger Invites—Mr. and Mrs. John Florida to be our guests to see "BORDER RIVER"

At the Plaza Theatre Sunday or Monday



MIXING IT UP—Jackie Boyd and Bub Matney in the lightweight trade blows as the Referee comes up from the right. Matney won the decision. (Staff photo)

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PARADISE FFA CHAPTER HAS TWO BUSY MONTHS AHEAD WITH EXHIBITS

The 34 members of the Paradise FFA chapter are offering merchandise prizes to the public. On April 3rd a delegation will go to Arlington State College to represent the chapter at the Texas State FFA Convention. Several of the boys have exhibits going to the Texas State FFA Convention. The chapter will be represented by the 99 chapters in a livestock judging team composed of Barry Morehead, Randy Gilbert, Womack of the Dallas Forehead, Troy Alexander, and Robert Crawford. A dairy judging team made up of Willie Ferrell, Tommie Duncan, Bobby Kirby, and Tommy Denton and a poultry judging team composed of Jimmie Cook, Joe Gililand, Sonny Read, and Wayne Niblett.

On Tuesday night, March 30, the chapter will sponsor a 1 1/2 hour motion picture show at the high school gymnasium. The money raised from this activity will be used for the purpose of paying premiums at the local project show to be held at down town Paradise on April 9th.

Also some of the merchants will be making its annual fishing and camping trip to the Area V FFA Camp on Lake Texoma.

Melvin J. Meadows, Chapter Reporter.

Mrs. B. P. Neel from Paradise was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Ford over the week end.

Funeral Services Held For Sherman F. Hoehn

Sherman F. Hoehn, construction superintendent for Burrus Mill and Elevator Company since 1930, died of heart attack.

Mr. Hoehn suffered a heart attack at his home five miles south of Decatur, Saturday night about eight o'clock and was rushed to a Decatur Hospital where he passed on at one a.m. Sunday, March 21st.

Mr. Hoehn was born in Hickory, 1895, was reared an orphan and came to Fort Worth when only a boy and became employed by the original Burrus Milling Company when he was fifteen years of age, and at time of his death was still employed by the Burrus Mill and Elevator Company of Saginaw, Texas. He was known by his associates and business friends in the machinery industry all over the country as Happy Hoehn, and was regarded by his employer as one of the best in the industry. He worked up from errand boy to construction superintendent, the position he held with his company since 1930.

He was married to Miss Mary Kelly of Sherman, Texas, February 10th, 1917. One child was born to the union and passed on in infancy. They have given help to several children of friends, and neighbors, and done much charity work with children.

They lived in Fort Worth until 1948 when they bought a stock farm 5 miles south of Decatur where they lived at the time of his death.

Mr. Hoehn has been a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth several years, where services were held Monday afternoon at four

o'clock by rector W. J. Heilman assisted by Bill Camfield and



Scripture: John 17.
Devotional Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8a.

Pray for Others

Lesson for April 4, 1954

WHAT Christ prayed for, we have a right to pray for. This is not to say that we can, so to speak, simply quote his prayers after him and sign our name in place of his. He prayed for objects for which we need not now pray, as when he prayed for Simon Peter. But the kind of thing for which he prayed is the kind of thing for which his followers can boldly pray. For no one has ever known the mind of God so well as Jesus. To pray against the mind of God is to pray in vain; to pray with God's mind is to pray with success. One point is clear from all Jesus' prayers, but especially from the great prayer in John 17; it is that the blessing of God rests on sincere prayer for others.



Dr. Foreman

They Should Know It

Let us hope it is not impertinent to pass on a few thoughts suggested by this prayer of Christ, especially with regard to praying for other people. Intercessory prayer in the true sense is always unselfish, though one may literally pray for other persons with a selfish motive. For instance, if a woman whose husband is a candidate for office prays for his election, that is praying for some one else, right enough; but maybe she is saying one word for him and two for herself. So an ambitious mother might pray that her child would make good in Hollywood. (—and bring home the bacon.) This is not intercessory prayer in the Christian sense. Christ's prayer for others shows that he deeply and completely desired their highest good. But he does not offer this prayer in silence and solitude. He prays in their hearing; they knew they were on his heart. We cannot always pray in the presence of those for whom we pray; but it

does them great good to know we are carrying them on our hearts before God. No service of friend or loved one is more cherished than the simple yet sublime service of intercessory prayer.

It Should Be for the Best

Prayer for others should be for the best—and this in two senses. It should be in line with God's best purposes, and it should be for the best things. When Christ prayed in Gethsemane that the cup might pass from him, the prayer was not granted, because what God willed would not be possible, or would not have been possible, if Christ had not been willing to drink that bitter cup to the dregs. God will not grant requests that upset his plans, no matter how earnest and apparently right the requests may be. But prayer for others ought to be for the best things. Not that we should not pray for lesser things. It surely is not wrong to pray that mother may find her wedding ring that got lost in the laundry, or that Uncle Harry may get over his cold. But surely as we grow more mature in the Christian life we can begin to appreciate the kind of prayer that Christ offered for his friends. He did not pray there at the Last Supper for their health, long life or "prosperity." He prayed for their inner spirits, he prayed for their unity of heart, for their vision of God. How often we pray for something to happen to our loved ones, how seldom do we pray for them! When a child lay dying of rabies, hundreds of prayers went up for his recovery. These were not granted. But other prayers were offered for his parents' faith; and these were granted.

Nothing You Ask—?

Nothing you ask will be denied, a popular hymn says. But the Bible does not promise that. Jesus never promised it. What is promised, and what is true, is that the more our prayers harmonize with the will of the God of Love, the more surely they will find answer. Now we often pray for our friends, as we do for ourselves, that God will help them do what they want to do, or get what they want to have, or get rid of what depresses or pains them. Give them what they want! is our cry. (Many of us are too selfish even to get that far in praying for others.) But there is no guarantee that God will give all men, or any man, exactly what he wants. This poor world would be in a much worse mess than it is, if God simply acted at everybody's dictation. The best we can ask for those we love is that they may learn to desire what God himself desires.



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Mr. McNair.

Interment was in Laurel Land Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Worth, with fellow employees acting pall bearers, Chas. W. Harries, John S. Boyle, L. C. Wood, S. J. Dean, and Earl Jones of Fort Worth, George P. Best of Burleson, D. F. Box and J. H. McKinstry of Haslet, Jack

P. Barrus and a number of other mill employees served as honorary pall bearers. Mr. Hoehn is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Hoehn of Decatur, and one sister, Mrs. Sadie Lyall of Eglewood, California; one brother-in-law, Fred Kelly of Amarillo; one niece, Mrs. Henry Lutz of Hawthorne, California.

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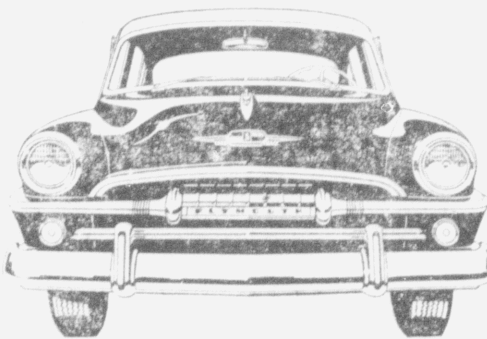
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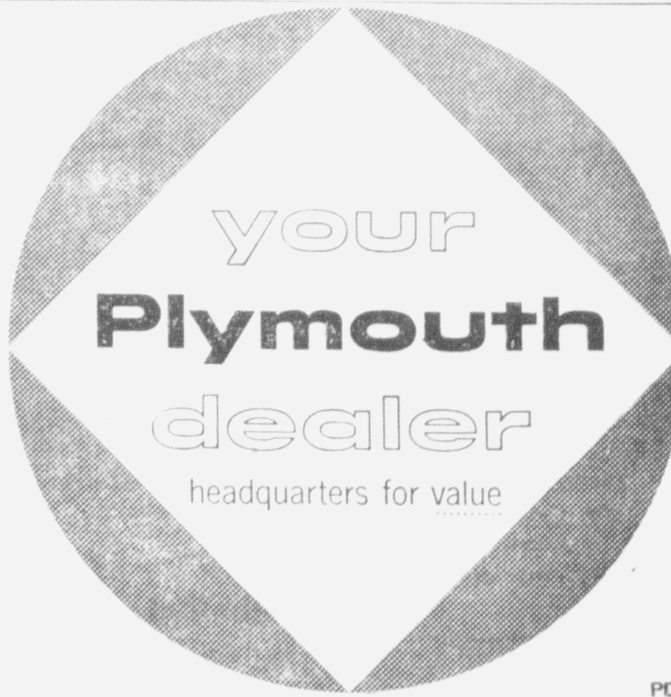
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Once Upon a Time

Interesting Items from the files of THE MESSENGER 25 and 50 Years Ago . . .



25 YEARS AGO

April 1929—
Greenwood.

There were 186 votes cast in the city election held Tuesday for the purpose of electing a mayor and two aldermen. The following is the vote:

For Mayor
S.M. Ward 114
Bell Ford 9
W. O. Bailey 4
Chas. Sharp 1
Penn Dickson 1
For Alderman:
D. L. Kerr 126
Gordon Renshaw Sr. 129
Tom McCracken 3
Geo. Arrington 2
Luther Reed 1
Walter Wood 1
Miss Marie Strange has been

appointed and begun her duties in Floyd County as Home Demonstration agent of that County.

The building on the south east corner of the square is being converted into a modern drive-in bus and filling station. It is a convenient corner for the busses, as it is the intersection of the two highways.

More than 200 chickens and a proportionate amount of turkeys, have been reported as stolen, to the Sheriff's office this year.

Membership in the Golf club has been increased to thirty five members and the fans are taking every opportunity to carry on with the great sport.

Walter Boyd is President of the club and W. T. Hill is Secretary-Treasurer. It is a nine

hole course and said to be one of the best in this section of the state.

50 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1954
Last Friday and Saturday were opening days in the Millinery Stores, a large crowd came out to see the beautiful display. Miss Bowyer, at the Mississippi Store had her department handsomely decorated.

Prof. Koch of Bowie and his daughter, Miss Flossie furnished music for the occasion with piano and violin Friday evening, and J. T. Buckaloo and Mrs. Guinn Williams Saturday evening.

Mrs. Vastine and the Jones Dry Goods, also showed a beautiful display of millinery.

P. T. Barnum once said: "If you have \$19 to put to use, pay \$10 for the article and \$9 for advertising. I can out talk any man but the printer. The man who publishes a newspaper and every week talks to thousands of men, while I am talking to one—is the man I am afraid of—and I want to be his friend. Trade with the man who advertises if you want to get bargains and the worth of your money.

Jack Cates sold a fine pig this week for \$125. Bob Blythe was the purchaser.

Commissioner Hartsell informs us that the Court will probably sell the county road teams, as there is not sufficient funds to run the road outfit and put in the necessary bridges both, so the court has decided to put in the bridges at Willow Creek, one across Sandy



SEEN AT THE WISE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR JUDGES OF CRAFTS Mrs. Lanona Stewart, Misses Malta Lee Evans and Wanda Brown, all of NTSC, Denton, who judged the Craft division at the Youth Fair here last Friday. (Stafffoto)

between Sunset and Park Springs and one across Denton Creek between Brumlow and

Services Held For Mrs. L. H. Mowery

Mrs. Mowery was Miss Libbie Rosenberg born in Wise County on December 1, 1886, where she lived her entire life. She was converted in early life and joined the Baptist Church. On August 5, 1906, she was joined in matrimony to Louis Henager Mowery. Following a short illness she passed away at 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 1954, in Wichita Falls, Texas at the home of her daughter.

She is survived by her hus-

band, L. H. Mowery, Decatur, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Hesta Mae Ross, Wichita Falls; two sons, Elvie Louis Mowery of Decatur and James Leon Mowery of Bowie, Texas; one brother, Will Rosenberg, Decatur; three sisters, Mrs. Mae Bowden, Olney, Texas; Mrs. Rosa Philpotts, Comanche, Oklahoma; Mrs. Maggie Stubblefield, Fort Worth, Texas; six grandchildren, Mrs. Doris Jean Miller, Tyler, Texas; Betty June Ross, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Butch Mowery, Decatur; Jeanie Martin, Fort Worth; Jimmy Mowery and Kenneth Mowery of Bowie, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by one son Delbert Mowery and a daughter, Mrs. Mable Gilreath.

Funeral services were held at the Fundamental Baptist Church in Decatur, Thursday, March 4th at 2 p.m. by pastor, Rev. Omer Ritchie, and former pastor, Rev. Jack Power of Big Springs, Texas.

Interment was in Bethel Cemetery, with W. D. Ball, Charles Ball, Tom Ball, Carl Bowden, Clyde Gilbert and Mr. McWhirter acting pall bearers.

MORE REGISTER WITH AREA DRAFT BOARD

The following is a list of Wise County registrants registered through Selective Service with Local Board No. 93, Bowie, Texas.

Joe H. D. Williams, Greenwood
Bobby J. Cruz, Boyd
Charles P. Calvert, Rhame
Harold R. Crabtree, Rhame
Andy B. Anderson, Rhame
Francis M. McGee, Jr., Alvord
Frank R. Freeman, Route 1, Chero
Luther W. Foster, Paradise
Charles E. Harris, Bridgeport
Billy G. Smith, Boyd

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weir and daughters, and Mrs. Lucile Andrews from Washington D.C. visited friends here Sunday enroute to San Angelo for a visit with Mrs. Guinn Williams.

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Decatur, Texas

Spring term begins March 8
Instruction offered in the following fields:

The Junior College:

Arts and Sciences
Business Administration
Education
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Religion

The Senior High School

Bible
Biology
English
Mathematics
Social Studies
Spanish
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The Vocational School

Offering both day and evening Classes

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large enough to serve you."
DR. OTIS STRICKLAND, pres.



SEEN AT THE WISE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR JUDGES IN DRESS DIVISION — Left to right, Mrs. Frances Pender, who was one of the Beauty Contest judges; and Miss Anna Lou Fuqua, Willa Talbott and Dorothy Hudgins, all of NTSC, judges in the Dress division of the Youth Fair here last Friday. (Stafffoto)

CHRIST CALLS DECATUR NOW!!

IF YOU LOVE THE GOSPEL THAT'S THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION, YOU'LL APPRECIATE TWO FULL WEEKS OF BLESSINGS UNHEARD OF
APRIL 4th-18th

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BIBLE PREACHING THAT WILL CAUSE CHRISTIANS TO BE REVIVED AND SINNERS TO BE SAVED.

Message for Sunday, April 4, 11:00—"CALLING THE ADAMS OF THIS WORLD"

Message for Sunday Eve. 7:00—"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

Two Services Daily 10:00 and 7:30 res'
VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
DECATUR, TEXAS

WOMAN'S CLUB ENDORSES YOUTH PROGRAM HERE

We, the Decatur Woman's Club, would like to thank the Lions Club for their show of civic spirit in providing a place where the young people of our town can meet socially. We would like to go on record as endorsing the Youth Movement, please bring their children, and as this point, the concrete service we can render is by volunteering as chaperones.

This resolution was passed by the Woman's Club at their last meeting when 20 couples signed up to chaperon 10000 Friday evening.

READ THE ADS

DANCING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ANNOUNCED

Mr. Leon Mabon from Fort Worth will begin his classes in tap, baller and aerobatics for boys and girls, ages 3 through 11, Saturday, April 3, at 9:00 town can meet socially. We would like to go on record as endorsing the Youth Movement, please bring their children, and as this point, the concrete service we can render is by volunteering as chaperones.

N. E. Reeves and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sloan and family of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Reeves Sunday.

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HOUSE FOR RENT—4 1/2 rooms, unfurnished. Call Floyd Doyle at night 6011 or office in day time.

FOR RENT—7 room house, newly papered and painted, 2 car garage, big yard. Arranged so it can be used for one family or as duplex. Not for Sale. For further information call 4782, A. P. Deaton.

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Decatur Sales, Charlie Rann, Phone 6336

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BRIDES—Let me photograph your wedding. Also portraits by special appointment only. Marvin Loveless, phone C 1062, Denton, Texas.

GENERAL INSURANCE — On your farm bureau insurance they are paying 50% dividend. For all your insurance needs see Floyd Doyle. 1tc.

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PIE SALE

The Decatur Garden Club will have a pie sale Saturday, April 3rd in the Lone Star Gas Co. Building.

WANTED—Man or woman representative in this territory. \$20.00 to \$75.00 per week. Part or full time. For information, write box 6975, Fort Worth, Texas. 1tpd

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR RENT—Type-writers, adding machines for sale or rent. Type writers as low as \$25.00. Repairing McCoy Typewriter Exchange, Decatur, phone 5062.

FOR SALE—ROSE BUSHES AND ALL KINDS OF SHRUBBERY. SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY. CHARLEY RANN, 4 MI. ON BRIDGEPORT HIGHWAY.

FOR SALE—Broiler house 20 x 126 Aluminum, 2 years old. Harley Atkinson, Rt. 1, Decatur, Texas. 2tpd

FOR SALE—Tomato plants and sweet and hot peppers, plants 12 inches high. Ready to bear. Charlie Rann, phone 6336, on Bridgeport highway.

FOR SALE—Sudan sweet \$7.00 regular 6.50. Large orders some cheaper. Best prices on clover and alfalfa seed. Ben Harvey, 1 1/4 mile west of Sanger, Phone 102W1. 1tc

FOR SALE—Rose Bushes, fine kinds. See Foy Brown, Newark, Texas. 1tc

FOR SALE—Oat straw and black land pasture grass hay. Reasonably priced. J. A. North, 2 miles east of Rhame.

FOR SALE—Pure white country eggs. Mrs. Jno. Atkinson, Decatur, Texas, Rt. 1.

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CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 28.839 miles of Seal coat and Asp. Conc. Pvt. from Wise C. L. to US 281; From Parker C. L. to Jack C. L.; and From SH 24 to Clay C.L. on Highway No. SH 199/459 covered by C 171-1&2-10&13 & C 229-7-5, in Jack & Wise County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A. M., April 11, 1954, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the work on above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall pay not less than those wages rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman or mechanic employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular govern-

ing rates.

Pans and specifications available at the office of John W. Simpson, Resident Engineer, Jacksonboro, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved. (April 1-8)

SERVICES HELD FOR H. WILLIAMSON

Henry Williamson, 80, a Wise County resident since early childhood, died in a hospital here Monday.

He was a retired farmer and stock man. He was a longtime member of the Methodist Church and was a steward in the Greenwood Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Carroll Mote of Decatur; three sons, George Williamson of Fort Worth, Steve Williamson of Orange and Eldon Williamson of Greenville, N. C.; two brothers, Jerry Williamson of Greenwood and Thornton Williamson of Hereford; a sister, Mrs. A. W. Mauldin of Decatur, 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Christian Funeral Home here. Burial was in Cottonwood Cemetery north of here.

MORE WEATHER, NO RAIN, JUST MUCH COOLER

We had nice weather over the week end, cool sunny days, with Monday bringing cooler weather with a stiff breeze from the north which dropped the mercury some 20 degrees.

Sunday with readings in the 70s, was ideal and everyone was enjoying spring even though we haven't had the badly needed rainfall.

The cold wind Monday night dipped the mercury into the low 40s Tuesday, with the weather warming up only into the 50s Tuesday. Then Tuesday night the mercury dipped into the low 40s again.

The expected frost Wednesday night and Thursday morning didn't show up, but the populace shivered in a 34 degree reading.

PREACHING SUNDAY

Woodrow W. Simpson will preach Sunday morning at the church four miles north of Decatur on the old Alvord highway, it has been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mike Scott and little daughter, Vickie Lynn from Wichita Falls were guests of Mrs. J. M. Scott Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Payne and daughter Kathy from Crosbyton, Kenneth Burton and Miss Ava White from Fort Worth, and Mrs. Eula White were guests of Mrs. Beatrice Shepard Sunday.

Mayor and Mrs. Syl Hardwick visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardwick in Dallas last week.

Miss Janet Hoyl has returned from Harris hospital where she underwent surgery for a cervix rib. Dr. Horace Renshaw dismissed her Saturday and she was able to return to NTSC in Denton this week.

MONUMENTS

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ATTENDANCE HAS INCREASED AT LOCAL YOUTH MEETINGS

Each week the number of young people meeting Friday nights at the Lion's Club increases. Each set of hostesses to date has asked to repeat their chaperonage which speaks very well for the deportment of the teen agers.

Chaperones last Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Sewell and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Young. This week the party will be held by Mr. and Mrs. IRA Goodger and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stone.

Being a chaperon is a volunteer job that entails very little work and is a very rewarding experience. If you would like to help out on a Friday night please call and register.

SERVICES TODAY FOR MRS. MALONE

Funeral services will be conducted this Thursday afternoon at 2:30 for Mrs. W. R. Malone, age 95 years, at the First Baptist Church in Decatur. Mrs. Malone passed away Tuesday night at 7:30 at her home after a long illness. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Bruton, and a son A. J. Malone of Decatur.

THREE FROM WISE COUNTY AT LACKLAND AFB



Bobby Crites



Leon Coleman



Harry D. Bowman

Bobby Gene Crites, 18, son of William Robert Crites, route 3, Decatur; Harry C. Bowman, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bowman, Box 188, Boyd; and Leon Coleman, 19, son of J. H. Coleman, Boyd, are completing their Air Force basic military training course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the site of Air Force basic military training for men and women, headquarters of the Human Resource Research Center, and home of the NSAF Officer Military School.

Their basic military training is preparing them for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for

following a particular vocation and career.

APPROACHING WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Announcements have been received in Decatur of the approaching marriage of Miss Mary Frances West of Chillicothe to Pat McMurray, the ceremony to be held at the First Baptist Church in Chillicothe the evening of April 16th.

Miss West is a student at NTS College.

Mr. McMurray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMurray of Decatur, and a graduate of the Decatur high school.

Miss Quisenberry Is Shower Honoree

Miss Jo Ann Quisenberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Quisenberry, was complimented with a bridal shower given in her honor Friday evening, March 19, at the Owl Club.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Emory Don Hilton, Mrs. Eddie Lee Badger presided at the guest book and Mrs. Amos Boring and Miss Peggy Rosenberg poured punch. Other hostesses included Miss Sherry Kerr and Mrs. Arnold Davenport.

Miss Quisenberry, whose wedding to Mr. Raymond Gann of Graham has been set for April 3 was most gracious in her thanks for the many beautiful gifts displayed.

Mrs. J. J. Hagan from Elcitra visited relatives here over the week end.

Judge and Mrs. J. A. Simmons visited relatives in Shreveport, La., over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Keefe H. Rowland and daughter Nancy of Baird, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McCaleb.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDonald and Mary Ruth were guests of Mrs. Josie Rowan Sunday at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Sander Jr. and daughter, Alane, Mrs. J. L. Waggoner, and Steve Gose from Wichita Falls, and Walker Patterson from Lawton, Okla., were guests at the Waggoner ranch over the week end.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIE ENTERTAINMENT

PLAZA

THUR. - FRI.

THREE OF THE SCREEN'S MOST EXCITING YOUNG STARS CREATE AN ESCAPEMENT ALL THEIR OWN!

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**FIFTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING
APRIL 16, 1954**



COMMITTEES:

PROGRAM:
R. H. Watkins
Glen Morrison
Mrs. W. B. Woodruff Jr.

REGISTRATION:
Mrs. Woodruff

PARADE:
Chas. T. Gettys

DECORATIONS:
Mrs. R. H. Watkins

FOODS:
Mrs. Elmer Fleming

ARRANGEMENTS:
Glen Morrison
J. B. Rasbury

ENTERTAINMENT:
Chas. W. Jones

INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM

10:00—Song Service J. O. Strother, Kermit
10:10—Prayer R. D. Copeland, Whitesboro
10:15—Welcome Dr. W. M. W. Splawn, Greenwood
10:25—Recognitions W. A. Hughes, Decatur
10:35—Choral Number D.B.C. Choir, Chas. W. Jones
10:45—Business Session Wysong Phillips, Dallas, President Ex-Student

ROLL CALL—Fred Maples
Secretary of Ex-Student

MINUTES
OLD and NEW BUSINESS
REPORT OF COMMITTEES
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, UNEQUALED, Dr.
R. E. Bell, Decatur**

12:30—Picnic Lunch
3:30—Parade of Floats Dean C. T. Gettys, DBC
Selection of Homecoming Queen and Float
6:00—Jetton's Barbecue In Gymnasium
Toastmaster Bruce Shulkey, Fort Worth
Entertainment DBC Variety Boys
Presentation of Homecoming Queen
"Our Future Expansion" Dr. Otis Strickland
8:00—"Jane Eyre" Dramatics Department
Charles W. Jones, DBC

ly, Chico; 2nd, Wanda Gray, EIGHTER from page 1—
Northwest; 3rd, Alice Melear, Northwest.
FHA—MUFFINS:
First Year: 1st, Judy Wrangler, Chico; 2nd, Sue Lovejoy, Chico; 3rd, Orvalda Walker, Decatur; 4th, Elaine Yarbar, Alvord.
Second Year: 1st, Bettye McDaniel, Slidell; 2nd Linda Snow, Slidell; 3rd, Carolyn Maxwell, Slidell; 4th, Norma Williams, Slidell.
Third Year: 1st: Frances Burchard, Slidell.
(Continued Next Week)

NEWS FROM PARK SPRINGS

Mrs. J. B. Huckabee was hostess to members of the Home Demonstration club at home Thursday of last week in an all day meeting at which quilting, painting and sewing were pastime diversions. The meeting two weeks hence, April 8th, will be with Mrs. H. T. Hamilton, each member is asked to bring a package for grab bag. Dinner was served at noon to the following: Mesdames W. H. Smith, J. W. McGee, A. R. Page, M. B. Allen, C. W. Griffith, J. B. Smith, J. H. Jones, H. H. Buckner, Avery Wortman, H. T. Hamilton, Mary Bonham, B. C. Hamilton, John Hibdon, J. B. Huckabee and son, Nolen and Misses Erma Page, Inez McGee and Betty Jean Lipsey.

Mrs. Guy Smith who teaches in the Alvord Public School was taken ill Wednesday of last week at school and was taken to Bowie where she entered the Bowie hospital and Monday morning of this week underwent surgery. Her place in the Alvord school is being filled by Mrs. A. E. Barnes of Alvord.

Rev. J. M. Evans, a former pastor of the Park Springs Baptist Church was here Saturday night and brought the devotionals at the Youth fellowship meeting. He was accompanied by Mrs. Evans and her brother Joe Older. After the program they all enjoyed the pie supper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith had the following guests in their home recently: Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gilliland and Jimmy Vickers from Luders, Mrs. Mack Hamilton of Bowie, Mrs. J. W. Berg and her son, Archie Haynes and family from Hobbs, N. Mexico, Mrs. Smith's brother S. A. Hayden of Oklahoma City. Their son, J.B. Smith Jr. and family.

—Mrs. John Hibdon

have been appearing in mail throughout Texas recently.

● Jim Miller tells us of seeing an exhibition ball game this week in Dallas which he enjoyed very much ● Highway Patrolman McVean tells us accidents on Wise County highways have dropped the past few months. Let's hope they continue to drop ● R. T. Rieger dragging a woman around his display window Monday, 'twas only a mannequin ● Those who had stored winter clothing sure dug them out Tuesday and Wednesday if they were out in the cold wind ● The drive-in theatre opens this week end.

LAST CHANCE!

Today is that oft-spoke-of deadline for securing the car license tags. As expected, many put it off until today—the last day.

COMMERCE, March 29—

Twelve junior college presidents were invited to attend the faculty meeting of East Texas State Teachers college 4 p.m. March 25.

Speaker for the regular meeting was Dr. Carl Rogers, Otis Strickland, Decatur Baptist College, was invited to the meeting.

ELECTION NOTICE

Pursuant to an order issued by City Council, City of Decatur, Texas, Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 6th day of April A. D., 1954, at County Court room, the same being designated by law as the voting place of Precinct No. 1 on the date hereinbefore mentioned, in Ward No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, City of Decatur, County of Wise, Texas, for the purpose of the election of the following officers for the said city, to-wit:

MAYOR
ALDERMAN, WARD NO. 1
ALDERMAN, WARD NO. 2
ALDERMAN, WARD NO. 3
S. L. HARDWICK
Mayor of the City of Decatur, Texas

Mrs. M. P. Loveless is spending a few days in Mineral Wells with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Forman Jr., have moved here from Fort Worth, and are building a new home in the new addition on college street. They are staying at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. B. Brown, until their home is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Meader and children spent Sunday in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Belknap and family spent the weekend in Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. Curren New Sr., Mmes. J. W. Brady and Amy Morris were in Dallas Sunday to visit Mr. Henry Askey who is ill in the Baylor hospital.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Judge:
J. A. SIMMONS
(reelection)
L. W. SAMPSON

For County Clerk:
L. C. (Clyde) SLIMP
(re-election, 2nd term)

For County Treasurer:
C. A. MAPLES
(reelection)

For District Clerk:
MRS. AGNES BROWN
(reelection)

For Commissioner, Prec. 1 and 6
THURMAN COOK
(reelection)
H. H. HEATHINGTON

For Tax Assessor-Collector:
J. WALLACE BRADY
(reelection)

For Sheriff:
CARL (Rook) RAMSEY
(reelection)

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:
S. C. HAYS
BOB CLEVELAND
(reelection)

For County Superintendent:
LEN JORDAN
(reelection)
GLYDE E. MANNING

For County Attorney:
JACK G. MORGAN

For Justice of the Peace:
(Precinct 1)
C. M. QUISENBERRY
(reelection)

For Justice of the Peace
Precinct 5:
HASS TATUM
(reelection)

TEACHES CLASS

Mrs. Robert Sellars will be the guest speaker for the Men's Sunday School class at the First Methodist Church at 9:45 Sunday morning. All members are expected to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

Homer Williamson of Lubbock attended the funeral of his uncle, Henry Williamson here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corbin were in Grand Junction, Tenn., last week end to pick up an additional herd bull for the Soda-Lin Stock Farm.

Mrs. H.B. Lide from Camden, Ark., is visiting her siser, Mrs. Dick Collins.

Mrs. Jess Smith and children from Selma, Ala., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rasbury. Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Rasbury and daughter from Houston visited in the Rasbury home last week also.

Robert T. Sellars from New Orleans was at home the first of this week.

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G. K. Taylor, W. M.
Joe Forman, Secretary



WHO HAS THE REACH—Here Kenneth Lambert and Kenneth Pounds measure arm reach in the heavyweight match at the Fight Night events last week. Lambert won the decision. (Staffoto)

J. B. Howard of Lubbock visited his parents over the week end, he also had as his guests, Joe Tidwell of Granbury and Billie Joe Skinner of Ft. Worth. The boys are with Southwest Bell Telephone Co. and are working at present in Lubbock, Texas. The boys reported plenty of wind and sand out that way.

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SALT JOWL 39	LETTUCE, crispy head .12
ROUND STEAK, U.S. Tender .. .49	5 POUND BAG GRAPEFRUIT , ...29
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**Miss Edna Lester,
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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lester of Decatur announce the marriage of their daughter, Edna Frances to Edwin Hugh (Skippy) Lester, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lester of Decatur on March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Skippy is now serving on board the U. S. S. Vesuvius (AE-15) which is scheduled for overseas duty in April.

**Entertain with
Domino Party**

Mrs. Elmer Williamson and Mrs. Joe Howard of Greenwood entertained Sat. night, March 27 in the home of Joe Howard with a domino party in honor of their husbands' birthday also Walter Vaughan of Fort Worth. All their birthdays come during March, but not much was said concerning their ages.

Coffee and cake were served to some 27 guests.

Mrs. Jack Cates, who has been ill several days is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Shreeves from Newark, Ohio, visited his mother, Mrs. T. G. Shreeves and sister, Mrs. C. C. Kersey last week.

**ENGAGEMENT OF
FORMER RESIDENT
TOLD AT SNYDER**

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Estes of Snyder are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Bettie Gena Estes, to Gordon Wayne Taylor.

Mr. Taylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, Snyder, former residents of Decatur.

The wedding is to be read June 1 in the First Presbyterian Church in Snyder.

Miss Estes is a senior student at Snyder High School.

Mr. Taylor, a 1953 graduate of the school, is now employed by oil field supply firm.



TAKE IT EASY BOYS — Says Referee Sheriff Rook Ramsey as the first match gets underway at the Fight Night events here last week. Flyweights Jimmy Sherman and Carlton Mann listen to instructions. A close decision was won by Sherman. (Staffoto)

**CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF
TEXAS HIGHWAY
CONSTRUCTION**

Scaled proposals for constructing 4.671 miles of Gr. Str., Base & Surf. from 7 mi. South of Decatur to SH114 at Boyd on Highway FM730, covered S 1537 (2), in Wise County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., April 14, 1954, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the work on above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall pay not less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman or mechanic employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

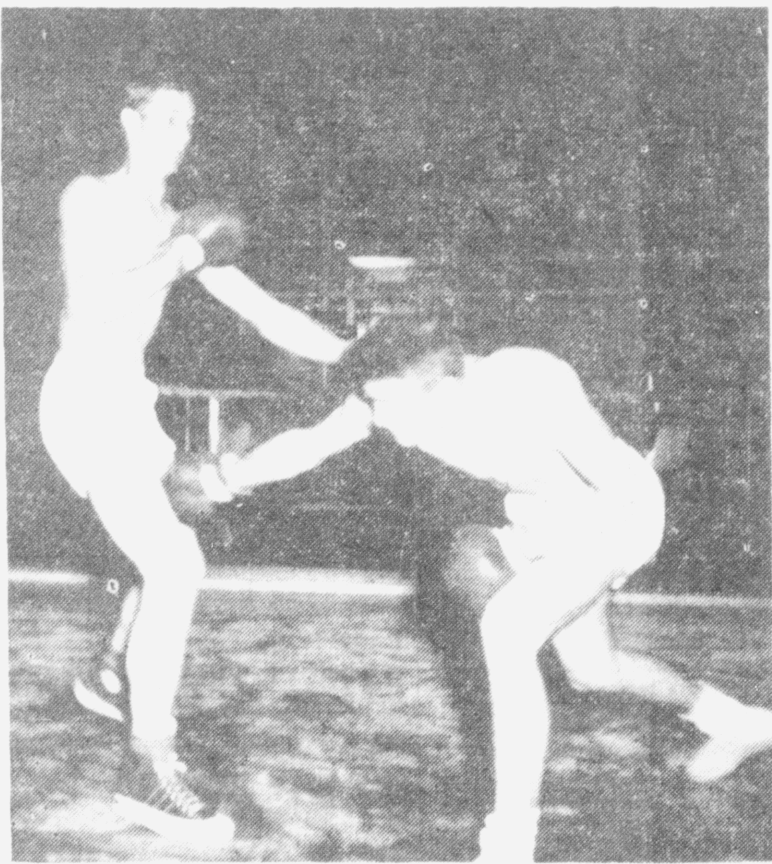
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(Advt. Apr. 1-8)

CARD OF THANKS

Since we cannot see each of you personally, we trust you may get our message through the press, expressing to all of our good neighbors and many friends, our sincere thanks and gratitude to each of you for the many kind deeds, services rendered and your expressions of sympathy in the passing of our beloved husband and brother. May you be blessed with such fine neighbors and friends, when trouble and sorrow comes to your home.

Mrs. Mary Hoehn,
Mrs. Sadie Lyall
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly



OUT OF REACH—Jarvis Gantt reaches for Thomas Bentley in the welterweight bout on the Fight Night card here last week. Gantt went on to win the decision. (Staffoto)

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: A. C. THOMAS**

GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 3rd day of May, A. D., 1954, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Wise County, at the Court House in Decatur, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 17 day of September, 1953.

The file number of said suit being No. 8248

The names of the parties in said suit are:

C. A. LAWRENCE ET AL as plaintiffs, and PONTIAC REFINING CO., ET AL as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

A suit for an adjudication that the oil, gas and mineral lease heretofore executed by C. A. Lawrence and Mattie L. Lawrence to R. B. Thrift, Trustee (recorded at page 426, Volume 136 Deed Records of Jack County, Texas, and also at page 272, Volume 53, Lease Records of Wise County, Texas) on or about May 27, 1948, is terminated, abandoned, forfeited, and cancelled as to all of the land covered by said lease (except the 40 acres surrounding the oil and gas well known as C. G. Glascock-Pontiac Refining Corporation-Lawrence No. 1, completed on or about March 2, 1950, and the 40 acres surrounding the oil and gas well known as C. G. Glascock-Pontiac Refining Corporation-Lawrence "A", completed on or about April 20, 1950), and in the alternative this suit is for an adjudication that the defendants herein, including A. C. Thomas (except I. H. Kemper), be required, under penalty of forfeiture of said lease as to the land covered thereby (except the 80 acres above mentioned) to drill a well for oil and gas on each forty acres of said land to a depth sufficient to test the conglomerate formation or the top of the Barnett shale at the approximate depth of 5800 feet from the surface unless oil or gas in paying quantities or impenetrable formation be encountered at a lesser depth, and be further required to begin drilling said wells immediately and prosecute said drilling campaign with diligence to completion. Plaintiff also seeks to recover court costs. The land covered by said lease consists, in the aggregate, of about 1,833.96 acres, more or less, located in Jack and Wise Counties, Texas, and being situated in the following surveys:

(1) Alexander, Crain, Harris and Brooks Survey, in Wise County, Texas.

(2) J. G. and R. W. Thompson Survey, in Wise County, Texas.

(3) Robert Townsley Survey, in Wise County, Texas.

(4) J. B. Patterson Survey, in Wise County, Texas.

(5) Wm. Standifer Survey, in Wise and Jack Counties, Texas.

(6) Harvey Martin Survey, in Wise County, Texas.

(7) Cochran and Collins Survey, in Wise County, Texas.

(8) S. A. & M. G. R.R. Co. Survey, in Wise County, Texas. If this Citation is not served with in 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 15th day of March A.D., 1954.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this the 15th day of March A.D., 1954.

(SEAL) AGNES BROWN, Clerk

District Court, Wise County, Texas

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DECATUR CHAPTER 289
R. A. M.



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A. L. Duncan, H. P.

**WHAT IS THE
NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH**

On the day of Pentecost the church was established. On that day, three-thousand people obeyed the gospel—believed, repented, and were baptized for the remission of their sins—and were added to the church that Christ had established. (Acts 2:47). That verse says, "The Lord added to the church such as should be saved." Therefore, when people are saved they are added to the church. This being true, THE CHURCH IS THE SAVED PEOPLE OF EARTH. The Lord has added every saved person, since that day, to the church. There is, therefore, no such thing as a saved person out of Christ's church. They are all members of it, because the Lord added them to it.

But, some one ask, "What about the denominations?" They were established by men years after the Lord established HIS church. The Bible does not mention any of them. Are there Christians in them? Maybe. People are made Christians by obeying the gospel. After obeying the gospel, some may have joined a denomination. If so, there are Christians in them. What will become of them? I DO NOT KNOW. That is the Lord's business. I know that the early Christians did not join any of them, because they did not then exist. They obeyed the gospel, the Lord added them to His church. "They continued steadfast, in the Apostle's doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and in prayer." (Acts 2:42).

**Welcome To The
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hoyle and Archie Hoyle visited Jane Hoyle, who is ill in St. Joseph's hospital in Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. J. V. Patterson and Miss Bell Ford were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moore Sunday at Denton.

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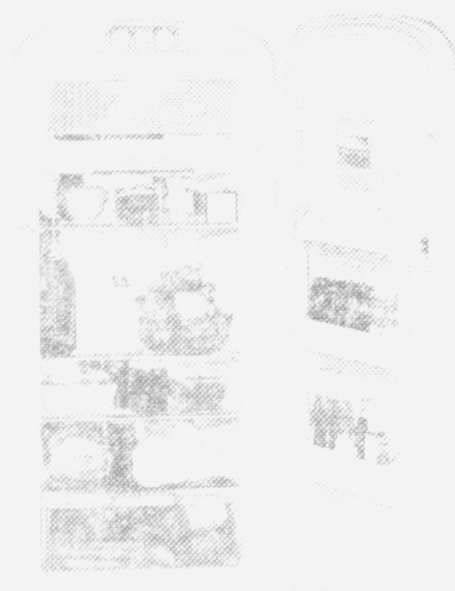
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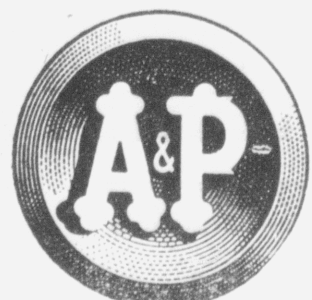
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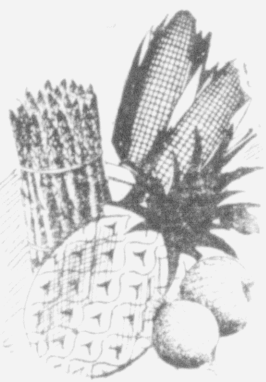
HONOR BRAND FROZEN—12 oz. size
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Services Held For Mrs. W. B. Williams

Mrs. Williams was Miss Comfort Adeline Sewell, born September 2nd, 1879, at Spanish Fort, in Montague County, Texas, where she was reared on a farm and attended school at old Spanish Fort. She was married to W. B. Williams of Parker County in 1890 and established their home in Parker County in the Reno Community where they lived until 1913 when they moved to Wise County and lived the rest of their lives.

They reared a family of 9 children, three passed on in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. Sarah Catherine McKesson, died in 1952. Mr. Williams preceded his wife in death in August, 1926, and since that time Mrs. Williams has made her home with her children.

She was converted in her early girlhood and united with the Methodist Church and has lived a faithful Christian life.

She suffered a stroke December 18th, and has been confined to her bed since that time. She departed this life at the home of her daughter Mrs. Bud Gibson, in the Veal Station Community Thursday, March 18th, at 5:30 p.m.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters, Ollie W. Williams, of Bellevue, Texas, Dock and Bill Williams of Boyd, Mrs. John Leatherwood of Springtown, and Mrs. Bud Gibson of Veal Station, 16 grandchildren, and 28 great grandchildren, three nieces and two nephews. Mrs. Williams was the last survivor of her immediate family, and was 82 years of age last September.

Funeral services were held at the Jay Bird Assembly of God Church five miles east of Springtown, Saturday, March 20th, at two p.m. by Rev. Loyd Bobo of Fort Worth. Interment was in Jay Bird Cemetery, with six grandsons acting pall bearers: John McKesson, C. E. McKesson, Woodrow McKesson, and J. I. McKesson of Ft. Worth, W. C. Williams, and Roy Williams of Boyd.

IT'S A BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Anderson are the proud parents of a 9 pound baby boy who arrived March 29th. His name is Ronald Carl.

The Anderson's have two other boys, Marshall Lee and Larry George.

Grandparents are Mrs. R. A. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seals. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Tribble.

Mrs. Nella Franklin visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Frederick in Dallas Sunday.

DECATUR COUNCIL No. 224
R. & S. M.



Stated meeting on the third Thursday evening of each month at 8 o'clock.

A. L. Duncan, T. I. M.
Joe Norman, Secretary

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking Dr. Rogers and all the nurses at Rogers Hospital for the kindness shown my wife in her recent illness.

We also want to thank our friends and neighbors for the good food, and the beautiful flowers given to us.

We especially want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stone, God bless everyone of you.
—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Roberts

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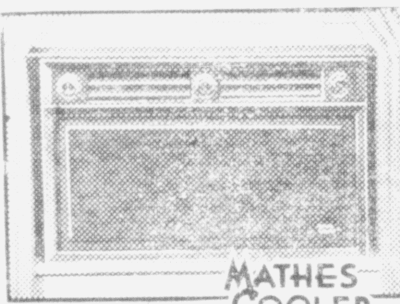
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**SEEN AT THE WISE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
JUDGES OF FOODS**—Mrs. Sue McEachern, Misses Lavada Brunson and Peggy Branan who judged the many entries in the cooking department of the Youth Fair here last Friday. All are from NTSC, Denton. (Stafffoto)

MORE REGISTER WITH THE AREA DRAFT BOARD

The following registrants of Selective Service Local Board No. 93, Bowie, Texas, have been ordered to report for induction into the Armed Forces on 20 April 1954.

Joe E. Murphy, route 1, Paradise

Billy J. Moore, Route 2, Bowie

Harrell E. Kirby, Route 2, Nocona

William R. Pettyjohn, Nocona

Billy R. Stewart, Route 3, Bowie

Herman L. Arami, Montague

James W. Underwood, Nocona

Curtis J. Berry, Alvord

Ralph Below, Route 1, Decatur

Jerry A. Worthen, Bowie

Cullen H. McNair, Decatur

Willie D. Morris, Alvord

Billy G. Garrett, Route 1, Chien

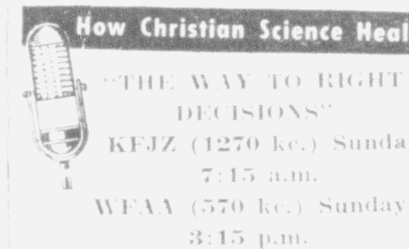
Richard K. Bastian, Route 2, Paradise

Elton R. Coffey, Route 2, Paradise

Alvin T. Largent, Bridgeport

Tommy J. Larison, Nocona (To be ordered at later date)

Moses R. T. Sellers and Alvin Jennings were in Boyd Friday.



How Christian Science Heals

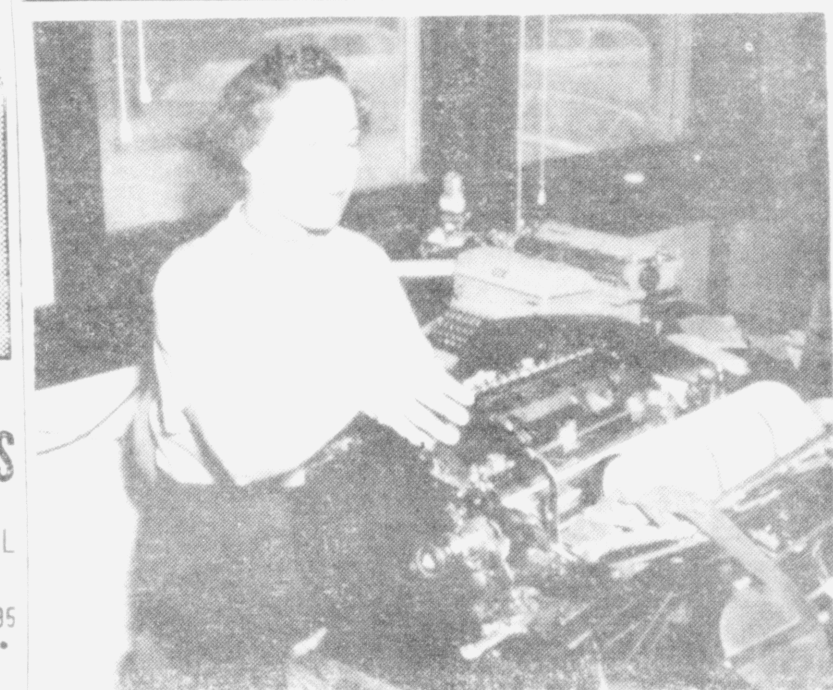
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KEJZ (1270 Kc.) Sunday

7:15 a.m.

WEAA (570 Kc.) Sunday

3:15 p.m.



Introducing Mrs. Beatrice Shepard, one of our very competent Bookkeepers, seated at one of the bookkeeping machines used in our daily work. Mrs. Shepard has been employed at the FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN DECATUR for about twelve years, and is known to most everyone in this trade area.

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MRS. J. Z. SPAIN IS HOSTESS TO WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Mrs. J. Z. Spain was hostess to the Woman's Club members at a regular meeting Tuesday March 23, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Joe Reeves and Mrs. Ted Schroeder were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Charles Rann, club president, presided.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Len Jordan, Wise County School Superintendent, who used as his subject, "Mental Health." Mr. Jordan, having studied at large in the field of psychology, is well informed on the subject and his talk was very enlightening. He is at present time completing work toward his doctor's degree in the field of psychology.

Booklets on "Mental Health" and related subjects were distributed by Mr. Jordan to the Woman's Club members for observation and study. Most of the members placed orders for various booklets for future reference.

GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS VISIT HOMES IN FORT WORTH

Mrs. T. S. McCaleb, the president of the Garden Club delighted the members when she announced that Mrs. Will Lake of Fort Worth Garden Clubs had invited us to visit several private homes and gardens in Fort Worth with her as our guide—and special reservations for lunch at Western Hills last Friday.

Promptly at 8:45 a.m. 22 ladies and one gentleman left Decatur and met Mrs. Lake at the Botanic reception house. The tour of the seven units of the Botanic gardens was made first comprising the Water Gardens, the Arid Gardens, Rose Garden, the Oval Garden, the Garden Center, the Nature Trails and the Conservatory and Greenhouse. Then on to Forest Park with special privileges and guide to show and explain the wonders of the children's zoo and the many beautiful birds.

The pilgrimage then was directed by Mrs. Lake to the beautiful private homes opened one day only especially for the Decatur Garden Club. No. 1 was the A. W. Samuels 2 acre garden comprised extensive cold frames, a fruit and vegetable garden, an orchid green house, a regular green house, a rock garden, a rose garden and patio which flows from semi-formal to rustic in its feeling. All plants are grown or wintered on the place by full-time gardener. Thousands of Spring bulbs are followed by the blooms of craft lilies, candy-tuft and snap dragons and by chrysanthemums in the fall.

Number two was Mrs. Minetta Carter's beautiful six-acre garden kept under careful maintenance. Taking full advantage of a beautiful view, formal gardens faced down from a back terrace by means of a series of pools and a cascade. Thousands of tulips and iris were in full bloom of every color and really was a thing of beauty. The lovely home was adorned with expensive life-size paintings by the late Douglas Chander.

Garden Number three was Mrs. C. D. Reiner's. Hospitality is the keynote of this famous garden. Literally built up for the enjoyment of a fine view,

The 52nd Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Woman's Clubs, First District, will meet March 29-31 in Ft. Worth at which some of the Decatur members will speak.

Mrs. Tom Gettys of the Education Department, First District, will give her report concerning work in that department Tuesday evening, March 30.

Mrs. Earl W. Nunneley of the Fine Arts Department, First District, will give a report Monday evening, March 29.

Mrs. John H. Valcik was voted club delegate at the last meeting and will report on this year's club work.

A number of Decatur Woman's Club members will attend different sessions of the convention Wednesday.

Delicious refreshments were served to approximately twenty-two members after the business meeting.

a series of terraces, pavillion and summer house bespeak an interest in Texas gardens. Banks of spirea, cydonia and lilacs, iris and red bud are in the lower areas. In the front of the house fine specimens of holly, gardenias, cherry laurel and photonia based with azaleas are featured.

Garden Number four was Mrs. David Rankin, daughter of Mrs. Lake. Outstanding collections of flowering shrubs, peonies, hardy garden lilies and roses make this a gardener's garden.

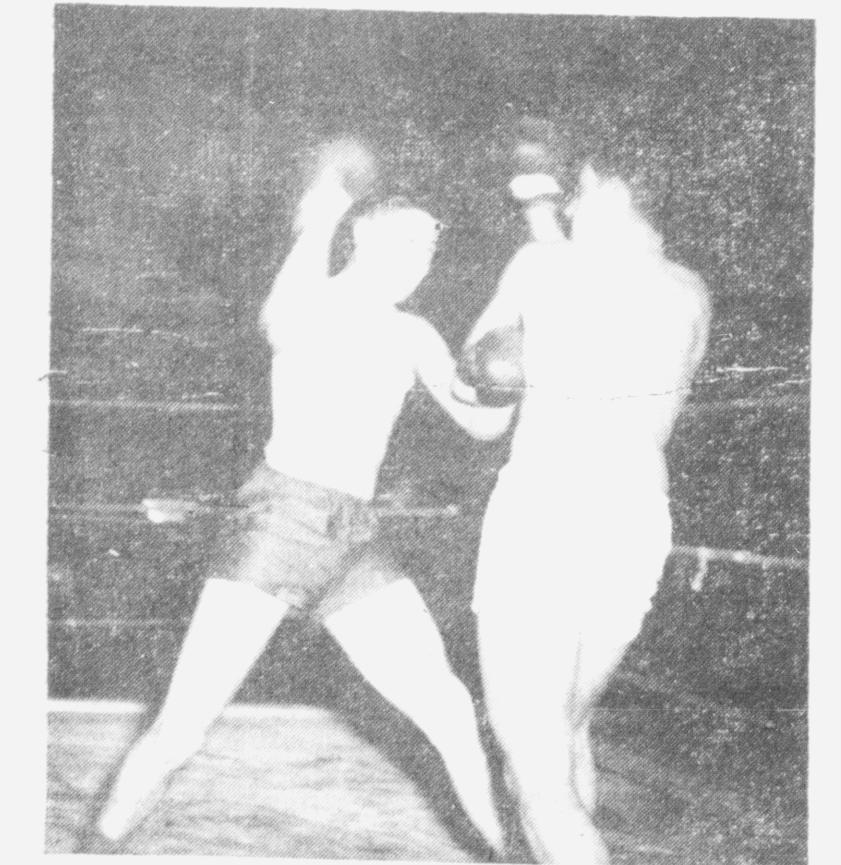
Gardens of Mrs. W. B. Paddock and W. K. Rose were outstanding for the beautiful holly, hilly-of-valley, tulips, azaleas, and molir iris.

Garden of Mr. and Mrs. Amon Carter, Hare & Hare of Kansas City laid out plans for the gardens of the Carter home. The rose garden, built up in formal patterns around a small brick terrace features Betty Pryor roses. The planting around the house proper is devoted to Azaleas and camillias which were beautiful. An orchard, a pool, hundreds of iris, a bird house and barbecue area are also features of this beautifully manicured garden. Mrs. Carter greeted the club members and personally conducted the tour of her gardens, inviting us back when the roses bloom.

The following took advantage of the wonderful pilgrimage: Mrs. T. S. McCaleb, J. A. Ferguson, Floyd Clifton, J. P. Kearby, Syl Hardwick, John Tally, J. E. Ramsey, Alvin Askey, E. L. Gantt, F. C. Gibbs, Monroe Caraway, W. B. Woodruff, Kate Hunt, M. D. Head, Paul Ash, N. A. Moore, Joe Culpepper, R. C. Pitts, George Elder, R. B. Taylor, C. G. Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Childers. Mr. Childers enjoyed the day very much and will be on hand again when the club meets at their home for their annual picnic May 12th he said. —Reported

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Mrs. Edd Young, dealer for the Tupper Ware Co. leave Saturday with a group selected for an all expense paid trip to Orlando, Fla.



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